

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

- Amendments -

Applicant respectfully requests that the pending claims be amended as indicated in the accompanying amended page(s), in which:

- Claim 1, 11, 12, and 17 - 21 is amended.
- Claim 22 is newly added.

Claims 1 - 8, 11, 12, and 17 - 21 remain pending. Applicant submits that no new matter has been added by these amendments.

35 USC §103(a)

Applicant thanks the Examiner for entering the amendments submitted on 4 November 2008, and for the Examiner's further detailed comments as provided in the Advisory Action of 20 November 2008.

Applicant amends claim 1. As amended claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, a three dimensional object creation system for printing a three dimensional object comprised of layers stacked vertically with respect to each other, the system comprising a series of printheads for printing the layers, the series of printheads simultaneously printing at least two layers of different vertical positions within the stack.

Applicant respectfully submits that none of the cited references teach or suggest the combination of features as now recited in claim 1.

Other Amendments

Claims 11, 12, and 17 - 21 are amended for reasons of formality.

New claim 22 is added.

Favorable reconsideration of the application in light of the above amendments and remarks is respectfully requested. Applicant looks forward to word of further official communication in due course.

Very respectfully,

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